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SUBJ: PRESIDENT JAWARA'S VISIT TO THE USSR

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1. PRAVDA (MARCH 18) PRONT-PAGES ARRIVAL OF GAMBIAN PRESIDENT JAWARA. JAWARA WAS MET BY PRESIDENT PODGORNYY, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME SOVIET MAZUROV AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO WITH ALL THE USUAL POMP ACCORDED VISITING HEADS OF STATE. FOLLOWING ARRIVAL GAMBIAN AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS HELD FIRST ROUND OF OFFICIAL TALKS AND ATTENDED STATE DINNER HOSTED BY PODGORNYY.

2. FIRST SESSION OF TALKS WERE LED ON SOVIET SIDE BY PODGORNYY AND MAZUROV. OTHER SOVIET PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED: MINISTER OF FISHERIES ISHKOV, CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC TIES SKACHKOV, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FIRYUBIN, AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO GAMBIA TER-GAZARYANTS. GAMBIAN PARTICIPANTS IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT JAWARA WERE: FOREIGN MINISTER NJIE; STATE MINISTER K.N. LEE (PHONETIC); PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND TRADE F. V. TUREY(PHONETIC); PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES M.S. JALLOW;
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SECRETARY GENERAL E. CHRISTIANSEN, INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE H. LLOYD-EVANS AND DEPUTY PERMANENT SECRETARY OF

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS W.B. VADDA (PHONETIC).
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT TALKS ON FORST DAY WER DEVOTED
TO REVIEW OF BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL (PARTICULARLY
AFRICAN) AFFAIRS.

3. PODGORNYY'S DINNER SPEECH (MARCH 17) FOCUSED ON POSITIVE PROSPECTS
FOR SOVIET-GAMBIAN RELATIONS. REMARKS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION WERE KEYED SPECIFICALLY TO AFRICAN INTERESTS.
ON BILATERAL AFFAIRS HE NOTED SATISFACTORY DEVELOPMENT OF
COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF THE SOVIET-GAMBIAN 1973
CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT AND SPECIFICALLY
REFERRED TO COOPERATION IN TRADE AND FISHERIES AREAS.
ABOUT FUTURE, PODGORNYY SAID "ALL CONDITIONS EXIST FOR EX-
PANDING COOPERATION."

4. PODGORNYY'S REMARKS ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BROKE NO
NEW GROUND. HE AFFIRMED SOVIET COMMITMENT TO DETENTE
AND INSISTED THERE IS NO TRUTH TO STATEMENTS WHICH SUGGEST
DETENTE IS BENEFICIAL ONLY TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HE
TOOK TOUGH LINE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, CHARGING THAT IN
FACE OF IMPERIALISTS' DEFEAT IN THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES
THESE FORCES ARE NOW TRYING TO SAVE THE RACIST REGIMES AND
TO INDUCE AFRICAN STATES TO COME TO TERMS WITH THESE
POWERS.

5. PRESIDENT JAWARA'S RESPONSE WELCOMED DEVELOPMENT OF
SOVIET-GAMBIAN COOPERATION AND DREW SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO
GAMBIAN INTEREST IN AGRICULTURE.

6. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION OF FISHERIES AND
TRADE AGREEMENTS (REFTEL A) JAWARA'S REFERENCES TO AGRICULTURE
AS WELL AS PRESENT AT STATE DINNER OF MINISTER OF AGRI-
CULTURE POLYANSKY SUGGEST THAT SOME FORM OF COOPERATION
AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE MAY ALSO EMERGE FROM SOVIET-
GAMBIAN TALKS.
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